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SUBJECT: MESSAGE CONVEYED: UNSCR ON JOURNALISTS IN ARMED
CONFLICT

REF: A. SECSTATE 201781

[1](#)B. SECSATE 202052

[1](#)C. ATHENS 3229

[1](#)D. SECSTATE 198131

Classified By: CHARGE D'AFFAIRES THOMAS COUNTRYMAN

[1](#)1. (C) On December 21, Charge conveyed the essence of ref a points to Director of the FM's Cabinet Ambassador Kostas Chalastanis. Charge reiterated that the U.S. does not believe that journalists enjoy special rights of protection beyond those of other persons and thus do not require a separate resolution. The U.S. continues to prefer that this issue be handled in the form of a Presidential Statement (PRST) and that it would best be deferred until 2007. The U.S. would not block a resolution, however, if a vote were to come up before December 31, if a resolution on Iran could move forward, and if changes in the journalist protection resolution were made as per ref b.

[1](#)2. (C) Chalastanis was grateful for the information, said it was useful and provided something to work with, and promised to convey the information to his Minister and to the Greek mission in NYC.

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